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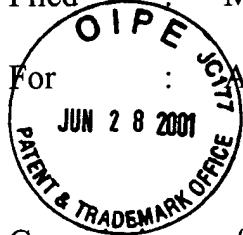
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For : FOCUSING METHOD FOR ZOOM LENS SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 5,042,926, to KIKUCHI et al., issued August 27, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,142,315, to HARAGUCHI et al., issued August 25, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,266,992, to TAKAOKA et al., issued November 30, 1993; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,850,577, to ITO, issued December 15, 1998.

Copies of the U.S. patents are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner
and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-mentioned documents
is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to obtain and review the above listed co-pending application and the prior art of record, if any, cited therein.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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